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difficulties attending the production of each piece.

5. Repeated efforts by the steel plant to obtain storage and crane installations from VVB ABUS have so far been unsuccessful, because the plant is not one of the 24 enterprises on the "critical" list.
6. The reconstruction of the central laboratory for foundry research at Grosszschocher is expected to be completed by the end of 1951 or the beginning of 1952. The laboratory is to be under the direction of Professor Sper, who is to succeed Dr. Althoff. The Leipziger Eisen- und Stahlwerke also have a plant-operated school for foundry work for the training of foremen and technicians and in the future also of engineers, from the entire DDR.
7. Elektro-Stahlgusswerk Leipzig-West (VEB GUS) (formerly Max Jahn Stahl- und Eisangießerei GmbH), Leipzig W 35, Georg-Schwarz-Strasse 181-183.

The plant produces 600 - 700 tons of electro-steel a month, or 95 per cent of its production quota, mainly castings in large pieces. The plant specializes increasingly in ships' screws for Soviet ships, so that 40 to 60 per cent of its monthly production goes into indirect reparations deliveries. The polishing installations for castings constitute a principal bottleneck which reduces the production capacity of the plant by some 15 per cent. 800,000 DM have been requested for installation of equipment to eliminate the bottlenecks. Large funds are also required for vertical expansion; there is no space for expansion through the erection of adjacent buildings.

8. Metallgusswerk Leipzig (VEB GUS) (formerly Metallgussgesellschaft mbH), Böhrlitz-Ehrenberg, Leipzig W 35, Merseburger Landstrasse.

The plant employs approximately 1,300 workers. It is under the direction of (fnu) Kretschmar, who also serves as technical director, while Franz Krüger serves as cultural director. Kretschmar is married, and both he and Krüger are SED-members.

9. Production has consisted chiefly of aluminum and magnesium form castings. The total yearly output of light metal castings amounts to approximately 2,000 - 2,500 tons. The plant was recently enlarged by the expansion of a Siemens-Martin steel foundry which, with its present two oil-burning furnaces, will be able to produce 500 tons monthly. The foundry makes an essential contribution to the raw material situation of the DDR through its manufacture of 300 tons of supplementary synthetic iron (synthetisches Zusatzzeisen). This iron, made from scrap and cast-metal scrap with small additions of ferro-alloys, is used to supply the demand for crude iron; but it is not liked by the foundries because of its brittleness (low tensile strength).

\*   Comment: There are two automobile factories at Zwickau under VVB IFAs: Werk Horch, Zwickau, Crimmitschauer Strasse 67; and Werk Audi, Zwickau, Walter-Rathenau-Strasse 51.

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